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We know criminals use cars.
We know car-jackings occur.
But most of us are law-abiding.
Just because of a few,
the rest of us should not suffer.
The government should not intrude

excessively upon our lives.

Nor should it waste taxpayers hard-earned dollars.

Let's just get tough on car-jackers

and criminals who use cars.

Let's get the government out

of the car registry.

End car licensing now.

Or not.

